

La Peña Cultural Center
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La Peña Cultural Center

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FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

The café is an independently operated family business run by Pablo and Miriam Valenzuela.
Wed - Thurs: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 11am-10:30pm
Sundays: 11am-9:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800

* Indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid.
Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible.

Two-Month Calendar
See back for December 2009



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La Peña Cultural Center Calendar of Events November 2009

(SEE DECEMBER 09 ON THE BACK)

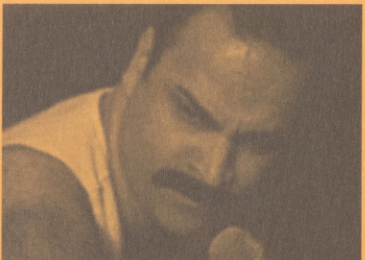
¡Unidos en la Resistencia!
La Peña Proudly Presents the 10th annual

Hecho en Califas Festival

(Made in California) November 11-15th.
All performances at La Peña except for Farid Mercury.

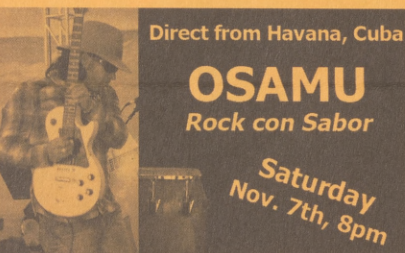


Nov. 11-13: Premiere of **Raw-Dios: Behind the Pigpen in the Morning**.
headRush crew takes us into the pop cultural landscape of the "Shock and Awe" era, when the U.S. began bombing Iraq & Americans were bombarded with commercial distractions & blind vengeance.



Hecho Fest at the Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Across from Ashby BART

Nov. 13- 15: **Farid Mercury**
A full length play "experience": part rock concert, part documentary theatre, focusing on Persian masculinity in the post 9/11 world. Written & performed by Robert Farid Karimi. Directed by Brian Freeman.
8pm Friday, Nov. 13 & Saturday, Nov. 14.
2pm Matinee on Sunday, Nov. 15.
\$10 adv. & students w/ID \$12 dr.



Tessie Chua 11/21

La Peña Saturday Morning Children Shows!

Get up, get out, and have fun! **10:30AM • \$5 Adults, \$4 Children**
Nov. 7: **Gerry Tenney** shares his original folk songs for all to enjoy.
Nov. 14: **Octopretzels** sing original & traditional folk songs as well as share their puppets.
Nov. 21: **Mariela** shares her bi-lingual songs for the entire family.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!

Alameda County Arts Commission, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Ford Foundation, Gerbode Foundation, Kaiser Permanent Thrive, National Performance Network, The James Irvine Foundation, LIA Fund, National Endowment for the Arts, Nonprofit Finance Fund, San Francisco Foundation, Walter and Elise Haas Fund, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Vanguard Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund and to our many generous individual donors.

SUNDAY

1 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM
Music of Our World (MOOW) Benefit Show
Music and dance from diverse African and Afro-American traditions featuring the faculty of the Oakland Youth Chorus' MOOW Program and guest artists. The pieces draw from the folklore of Zimbabwe, Ghana, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and New Orleans. All proceeds will support a middle school percussion and dance class.
7pm \$10-\$25 Sliding scale*

8 DIRECT FROM COLOMBIA!

Bomba Estéreo
plays an explosive dance-fusion of electronic dub and hip-hop, in a similar vein as M.I.A. and Santigold, mixed with Colombian rhythms like *cumbia* and *champeta*.
9pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

15 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Hecho en Califas Closing Show
Mangos with Chili presents **BELOVED: A Requiem for Our Dead**
Because we refuse to forget you. Through elegies of story, song, dance, drag and more, the Bay Area's noted and notorious queer and trans people of color performance crew will honor our erased, fallen, and slain queer, two spirit and trans of color family.
8pm \$10-\$20 Sliding scale

22 MEXICAN TARDEADA IN THE CAFE 3-6PM FREE

The Free Land Project presents the **4th Annual Thangs Taken: Rethinking Thanksgiving**
Hosted by Ariel Luckey. Featuring BRWN BFLO, Ann Marie Sayers, Madonna Thunder Hawk, Robert M. Owens, Aurora Levins Morales, Raphael Cohen, and Indigenous Youth Delegation to Palestine Report Back.
7pm \$10-\$25 Sliding scale
More info @ www.arielluckey.com

29 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

15th Annual Womyn of Color Arts & Crafts show 2009

10:30am - 4:30pm*
Free Admission
Original handmade art by local womyn of color artists: paintings, sculptures, jewelry, clothing & many great gifts.
Call 510-628-0647 for more info.



Thangs Taken 11/22

WEDNESDAY

4 CAFE SCIENCE 7PM FREE
Tribute to Commemorate the 40 Year Anniversary of The Occupation of Alcatraz
Screening of "Alcatraz is not an Island", with special guest speaker & veterans from 1969-70. MC will be AIM's Jimbo Simmons and Ms. Peggy Lemke of San Jose Indian Alliance. There will be drummers and singers, dancers, and more guests.
6:30pm \$8*
(No one turned away for lack of funds.)

11 HECHO FEST 10TH ANNIVERSARY



Raw-Dios: Behind the Pigpen in the Morning WORLD PREMIERE

Directed by Lakin Valdez

Starring: Luis Xago Juárez, Mona Webb, Rosa González and Tommy Shepherd

"Raw-Dios: Behind the Pigpen in the Morning," takes us into the pop cultural landscape of the "Shock and Awe" era, when the U.S. began bombing Iraq and Americans were bombarded with commercial distractions and blind vengeance.

8pm \$10 adv./students \$12 dr. • Advance tixs. at www.lapena.org

Please note: Robert Karimi in "Farid Mercury" is at the Ashby Stage Fri. 13, Sat. 14, and Sun. 15

18 FILM

Cine Más
Film Festival
7pm
Visit La Peña website for details, www.lapena.org

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THURSDAY

5 FORUM
Socialists Under the Bed: Smear Campaigns Target ACORN & Van Jones.
Forum and community discussion, including speaker from Oakland ACORN. Sponsor: Northern California Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism.
7pm \$5-\$20 Sliding scale*
(No one turned away for lack of funds.)

12 HECHO FEST 10TH ANNIVERSARY

19 HIP HOP

Live Hip Hop Jam Session
Truth be Told
Open mic with live Hip Hop band featuring Rico Pabon. Bring your instruments! Bring your flow!
8:30pm \$5

26 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

Call to Graphic Artists
La Peña is preparing for its 35th Anniversary celebrations in June of 2010. We are looking for a graphic designs. A \$300 prize will be available. Visit our web site for details. (NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.)

FRIDAY

6 CABARET
Red, color of our passion, our views, and our lipstick!
Red Divas
A veritable assortment of raw and tasty talents set amongst the cocktail lounge tables of Latin American Cabaret. Featuring Maria Loreto Ramirez, Rayma Salas, Johanna Suarez, Sandra Elisa Loofbouroow, Laila Espinoza, Brigitte Iarrusso, & Mariela Herrera. Directed by Tania Figueroa.
8pm \$10-\$20 Sliding scale
(Partial nudity)

13 HECHO FEST 10TH ANNIVERSARY

20 CONCIERTO

100 Años del Bolero y Vals Criollo
Un recital de las más bellas y famosas melodías que hicieron delirar a toda una generación. Artistas: Vladimir Vukanovich, Roberto, Rosa Los Santos, Nicolas Ravanal, Carolos Britto, Pedro Rosales, Javier Nunton.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

27 CAFE VALPARAISO CLOSED

La Peña Cultural Center's offices and Café Valparaíso are closed today.
Give the Gift of Art for the Holidays, Support Womyn of Color Artists on Saturday Nov. 28 and Sunday Nov. 29.

SATURDAY

7 GERRY TENNEY 10:30AM
Direct from Havana, Cuba Osamu
¡Rock con Sabor!
Widely recognized as one of Havana's leading rockeros, Osamu has all of Cuba dancing with his hit songs "Chaca-Chaca en la Azotea", "La Candela", and his delicious mix of blues, alternative rock, nueva trova and timba.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

14 OCOTPRETZELS 10:30AM

10 YEARS OF HECHO EN CALIFAS Raza Renaissance, or Just Flavor of the Month? Panelists: headRush, Robert Karimi and Denise Solis. Moderated by Paul Flores.
2pm FREE

HomeMade
A celebration of Bay Area flavor; Art, Music, and Dance curated by Weyland Southon, featuring performances by DJ Eric Santero, Mia Zuniga, Diskarte Namin, Bang Data, BRWN BFLO, Los Rakas, DJ Leydis, Rene Yanez, his son Rio, and Jos Sances of The Great Tortilla Conspiracy.
9pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

21 MARIELA 10:30AM

3rd Multicultural Stand Up Comedy Festival
Comics unite to raise funds to benefit organizations that provide school supplies in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. Sponsored by Global Women Intact.
8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

28 CRAFTS FAIR

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LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Theater Exhibit: Oct. 22 - Nov. 29. The artwork of Native American activist, political prisoner and nine-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, **Leonard Peltier**. Curated by Bird Levy Strain.
Reception: Friday, November 13 • 6-7:30pm.

Lobby Area: Nov. 4 - Dec. 31.

Beth Fein's etchings and prints are part of La Peña's ongoing Women of the Americas art exhibitions. This work reflects the women who have preceded, influenced and inspired her as an artist. Her work explores blurring the line between art and everyday life so that objects, dreams, places and personal experiences become the fabric of her art.
Reception: Friday, November 6 • 6-8pm.

Café Valparaíso: Nov. 5 - Nov. 29.

Miguel "Bounce" Perez presents: **Hecho en Berkeley**, a multi-media anthology of Berkeley Low Rider Culture in the 70s. From Black Panthers to hippies, yuppies to cholos, Berkeley has been a crucible for a diverse range of movements and cultures. As relics of Berkeley's momentous past slowly fade into new developments and hybrid vehicles, hometown artist Perez celebrates a low rider history native to Berkeley. **Reception: Friday, November 13 • 6-7:30pm**



The Rebirth: For street dancers of all styles!

Mondays 9-11 PM. All levels are welcome. An open and inclusive environment for dancers of all levels to cypher, build community, & improvise with live musicians. Open freestyle practice sessions for street dancers of all styles including House, B-boying/B-girling, Hip-Hop Proper, Popping, Waking, Locking, and dances of the African Diaspora. Two resident DJ's will spin mostly deep soulful house & hip-hop. Each week there will be guest local MC's, vocalists, or percussionists.

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES WWW.LAPENA.ORG

La Peña Cultural Center • Calendar of Events • December 2009

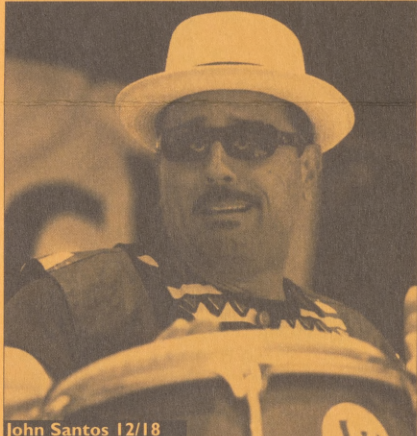
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SUPPORT LA PEÑA'S YEAR END FUND DRIVE!

Individual Donors Make a Difference! Please Support our 35th Anniversary year! No amount is too large or too small. Your donations help La Peña continue its 35th year of programming concerts, exhibits, films, lectures, forums, poetry, classes, children's concerts, and supporting new and creative work. Think globally and act locally. Support your community based cultural center. We look forward to your continued support in 2010!



Direct from Cuba! 7 Potencias 12/4 (check LP website for visa approval updates)



John Santos 12/18



Bill Santiago 12/11

Master Class Workshop with Rennie Harris

Saturday, Dec. 5 • 3-4:30pm



As part of the Living Word Project, La Peña and Youth Speaks present Rennie Harris, Artistic Director and choreographer of Rennie

Harris Puremovement in Philadelphia. Please join us in this amazing opportunity to learn from a master in the field. Limited to 30 participants, \$20. Call Sophia at 510-849-2568 ext. 20 to register.

Los Amiguitos de La Peña

Saturday Morning Children Shows
Live Performances for Families
10:30am • \$5 adults, \$4 children

Dec. 5: The ever popular **Gary Lapow** brings his original songs to La Peña's stage to entertain and educate.

Dec. 12: **Colibrí**. Alisa Peres and Lichi Fuentes take us on a musical journey throughout the Americas.

Dec. 19: **Bonnie Lockhart** and **Fran Avni** celebrate the holiday season with songs from many traditions.

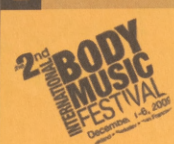
ATTENTION STUDENTS

Do your part for Cultural Activism for Social Justice and become a La Peña volunteer or intern today! Internships for school credit can also be arranged. Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext. 13 or mariola@lapena.org

WEDNESDAY

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CAFE SCIENCE 7PM FREE



The 2nd International Body Music Festival

Kick-off IBMF 2009 @ La Peña. Special exhibit: photos of IBMF 2008 by Mike Melyk.
Wednesday, Dec. 2: Body Music Open MIC. 8pm \$10
IBMF '09 opening party. Check your instruments at the door and sign up for a slot. Body only! Hosted by **Bryan Dyer**.
Thursday, Dec. 3: Lecture/Demonstration. 8pm \$10
International artists come together to perform some of their work, and take questions from the audience. Hosted by **Keith Terry**, Festival irector. For all IBMF events: <http://crosspulse.com/html/ibmf.html>

THURSDAY

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LECTURE DEMONSTRATION

FRIDAY

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DIRECT FROM CUBA!

7 Potencias

One of the most talented Afro-Cuban groups on U.S. tour. Known for their performances reflective of the Oriente province that is infused with Haitian influences & for their innovation in rumba, 7 Potencias performs original rumba songs and choreography. Also DJ and salsa dance party.
(Visit LP website for visa update.)

8pm \$20 adv. \$22 dr.

SATURDAY

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GARY LAPOW 10:30AM

Rennie Harris Workshop 3-4:30pm

Venezuelan Music Project presents:
Gaitas 2009!
Celebrate "la navidad" with VMP & the Venezuelan gaitas, parrandas & more! Jackeline Rago, cuatro, percussion, vocals; Francy Hernandez, vocals, percussion; Anna Maria Violich, vocals, percussion; Jimmy Kansau, vocals, percussion; Omar Ledezma, percussion, vocals; Lali Mejia, percussion & vocals; Edgar Lavado, bass; Donna Viscuso, woodwinds.

8:30pm \$14 adv. \$16 dr.

SUNDAY

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CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

A Showcase of Digital Prints

Opening Reception 3:30-5:30pm Free

Bomba y Plena youth & adult Workshop

An evening recital of Afro Puerto Rican rhythms, song and dance performed by youth and adult workshop participants.

7pm \$8 adv. \$10 dr.

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STAGED READING

Bareed Mista3jil: queer Arab women's stories

A staged reading celebrating this new publication from Lebanon.

4:30pm

\$10-\$25 Sliding scale*

(No one turned away for lack of funds.)

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CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Help Support La Peña with eScrip

eScrip is a way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop.

Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

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LA PEÑA AND CAFE CLOSED

Stay Connected, La Peña's Social Media Village

Find out about recently added shows & programs. Learn about new trends in community arts. Tell us your comments and suggestions. Become our fan and stay connected. Check La Peña's Social Media Village at any of these two-way streets: New blog: <http://lapenablog.wordpress.com/> and/or look for La Peña at Facebook, YouTube & MySpace.

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES / WWW.LAPENA.ORG

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CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEBSITE for more information and for up-to-the-minute programming www.lapena.org

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CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can **RENT US?** Plan your community activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals. Call us at (510) 849-2568 exts. 17/11

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TWO INDEPENDENT FILMS

Thinking Grande!

(27 min., Kevin Bender). Award-winning doc. about a Mexican immigrant who worked 20 years to achieve his vision of a Mexican Disneyland in the heart of California.

Blossoms of Fire

(74 min., Maureen Gosling). Celebrates the extraordinary lives of the Isthmus Zapotecs of southern Oaxaca, Mexico. "A film of immersion into a culture that has kept its soul." - San Diego Union Tribune

7:30pm \$10

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CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Advance Ticket information

Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org. Advance tickets **DO NOT** guarantee a seat. People with special needs should call (510) 849-2568 ext. 20. Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.

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CAFE CLOSED

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Winter Break

Café Valparaíso closed for winter break from Monday Dec. 21 to Tuesday Dec. 29. La Peña Cultural Center will have limited office hours.

Please consider supporting La Peña's Winter Fund Raising Drive. Make a difference through the arts! Support La Peña! During these tough economic times, individual contributions make a significant difference in La Peña's annual programming. If you can, please make a donation to support our plethora of educational events, concerts, exhibits, children's programs, classes, and community fundraisers. No amount is too large or too small! Every donation counts! Donate securely online at www.lapena.org

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CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

La Tienda, our daytime box office, will be open Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, and Thursday 31 from 1-6pm. New Year's Eve tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31: RING IN THE NEW YEAR 2010!

New Year's Eve Dance Party with Orquesta La Moderna Tradición

The Orquesta performs classic and modern Cuban dance music.

9:30pm • \$25 adv. \$28 dr.

Purchase tickets at www.lapena.org or by phone at (510) 849-2568 ext. 20.

A portion of the proceeds benefits La Peña Cultural Center.

Special New Year's Eve Menu in Café Valparaíso. Call (510) 841-3800 for dinner reservations.

LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Café Valparaíso: Dec. 3, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010

Immigration Signs: New original work by Vacaville-based artist, **Ivan Rubio**.



Theater:

Dec. 2 - Jan. 30, 2010.

The Berkeley City College Digital Art Club presents **A Showcase of Digital Prints**. The show features digitally created artwork by artists affiliated with the Berkeley City College Multimedia Department. They are evolving a culture and style of digital printmaking that works in four overlapping aesthetic areas: abstraction, hyper-realism, figurative art and neo-surrealism. Reception: Sunday, December 6, 3:30-5:30pm.



New Year's Eve Fiesta 12/31



Orquesta La Moderna Tradición

Yes! I Support La Peña's 35th Year!

La Peña is a 501c non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

- ☐ \$500 Padrino/Madrina — receive an **Annual Pass**, which gets you free admission to **ALL La Peña events**
- ☐ \$250 Victor Jara — receive **4 Free Tickets** to any La Peña event
- ☐ \$100 Paul Robeson — receive **2 Free Tickets** to any La Peña event
- ☐ \$50 Malvina Reynolds — receive **1 Free Ticket** to any La Peña event
- ☐ \$35 Compañero/Compañera — You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$3 per month)
- ☐ \$25 Activista — Student, fixed income, low income membership with calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$2 per month)

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